

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING,
APRIL 3RD, 2013

Roll Call:

K. Collins	Absent
R. Correa	Absent
D. Kostantakis	Present
D. Morrell	Present
P. Musse	Present
J. Sansone	Present
G. Tonner	Present
D. Totten	Present
B. Wicker	Present
R. Williams	Present
Councilwoman Zamechansky	Present

Chairman Correa called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

G. Tonner made a motion to accept the March 2013 minutes.D. Morrell seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes Musse/NV, Sansone/yes, G. Tonner/yes, R Williams/yes Alt #2-Collins/NV Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Vice Chairman Musse announced, “*All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont*”.

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk

NO CORRESPONDENCE

OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jamie O’Neill, President Dumont Girls Softball wants more time on Twin Boro Field for the girls program. The program was given Saturday, Sunday and Monday. They are not satisfied with the distribution of the field time with men’s softball. Men’s softball has been using Hickory Field in Bergenfield at a cost to the program for the past 3 seasons. Girl’s softball has three designated fields for use in Dumont. The field becomes available to both programs starting June 1st. DGS will be using the field mostly for their travel program to which they said the Saturday and Sunday times are not useable as the games are not held on weekends.

Matt Tunick, Dumont Girls Softball voiced his opinion for DGS to have use of Twin Boro Field for more evenings.

Kurt Luhmnan, Vice President of Men’s Softball voiced his opinion that the men’s program is being more than fair. They have used Twin Boro Field for 20 years for their program and their games take place Monday through Friday and have never had weekend

games. They have been off this field for the past three seasons and now that the field is fixed they find themselves in a position of fighting for the time they have always been using for their season.

Decision was made that Girls Softball will get the use of Twin Boro Field starting June 1st on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The men's program is done with the field August 1st and that is when Jr. Football starts with their field permit.

John Keefe, submitted a proposal to once again hold the Summer basketball program at Memorial Park. Looking to start program the end of June. Game start times will be 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30pm and open to age groups 6th/7th/8th (group 1) and high school division (group 2). This year there will be standings and playoffs and also the possibility of a travel division where other towns can join in. Signups will be in May.

J. Sansone made motion to suspend open public portion of meeting. D. Kostantakis seconded motion Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes Musse/NV, Sansone/yes, G. Tonner/yes, R Williams/yes Alt #2-Collins/NV Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

G. Tonner made a motion to re-open open public. G. Tonner seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes Musse/NV, Sansone/yes, G. Tonner/yes, R Williams/yes Alt #2-Collins/NV Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Justin Rivera, Eagle Scout candidate needed to have his paperwork signed off on for his Eagle Scout Project where he is refurbishing the picnic area at Memorial Park.

OPEN PUBLIC IS CLOSED: 8:15pm

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- Borough is working on getting a community service person to paint the dugouts.
- There is around \$80,000 left from the county grant to improve the fields. Met with Tri-State and are waiting for proposals regarding Gina's Field and the issue at Columbia Field by the first baseline. (Proposals came in during meeting)
- The dirt has been removed at Twin Boro with the exception of one truck load in southeast corner.
- The mound and bases are at DPW for Twin Boro Field men's league. They will be installed properly before June 1st.
- Home Plate and pitcher's mound have permanent mountings. The other three bases are soft bases that are held down with pins that the teams have to put out when they play and take in at the end of the games. (Twin Boro)
- The new carousel has been installed at Memorial Park.
- Fertilizer will be applied on Twin Boro Field mid-March.
- There will be funds to address the cost of a mill and pave of the hockey rink and a new flagpole.
- The football goal posts are down.
- There will be information coming per John Keefe regarding the new backboards for basketball courts at Memorial Park.
- The DPW will take care of cleaning the area on the field and by the bathrooms at Gina's Field

- The borough vehicles that are parked by the field will be removed after they are auctioned off on Gov-deals which is going on now.
- Bill Bowen will take care of cleaning the bathrooms at Gina's Field
- The shed doors on the shed at Gina's Field need to be replaced and is the responsibility of the league.
- The stumps will be removed when the DPW can get a stump grinder to use.
- The sand in the volleyball court at Memorial Park has been removed and new beach grade sand has been ordered.

Proposals received by Tri-State were discussed.

Columbia Field – 1st base line to be corrected. Work to be done on Thursday, 4/4/13 starting at 9am and completed by 3pm. Field will be ready for use after 3pm. P. Musse said he would call Weedman to make sure that they do not do the pre-emergence and fertilizer on Columbia 4/4/13.

G. Tonner made a motion to approve the work at Columbia Field by Tri-State Athletic Field Services to the 1st base line as long as work is done 4/4/13 and completed by 3pm as not to impact the high school and rec use of the field. D. Morrell seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes Musse/NV, Sansone/yes, G. Tonner/yes, R Williams/yes Alt #2-Collins/NV Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Gina's Field drainage proposal discussed. Meeting was held on Friday, March 29th to discuss work at Gina's Field. Proposal was submitted to correct the drainage problem at Gina's Field. Work to be done the week of April 1st for a 3 day down time period for the field and field up and running in three days. This would not impact the opening season games of the DGS season.

Further work was discussed regarding the field. There is an issue with the sprinkler control box in the ground and continually filling up with dirt.

R. Williams made a motion to approve the corrective work for the drainage issue at Gina's Field. The one request will be that they use the better grade. D. Morrell seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes Musse/NV, Sansone/yes, G. Tonner/yes, R Williams/yes Alt #2-Collins/NV Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Proposal for the work on right field at Gina's Field is put on hold for discussion at work shop.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (as read by P. Musse)

Thank you to Councilwoman Zamechansky for all her help and work to get Gina's Field work approved. Tri State will take three days to complete the drainage work on Gina's and work to be done week of April 1st.

Dumont Girl's Softball Program will have the use of Twin Boro Field Saturday, Sunday (9am-10pm) and Monday's 6-10pm. Men's Softball has Twin Boro Field 4 nights Tuesday through Friday 6-10pm.

The sand at the volleyball court at Memorial Park is being replaced. This was approved last year and payment for the improvement will come from The McHale Fund.

Little League Opening Day was great.

Men's softball shed information being gathered by D. Kostantakis, decision needs to be made so that installation of new shed can be done before the June 1st opening of field.

Need to know the status of the back boards for Memorial Park.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

All bills that have been submitted have be paid.

The carousel that was just installed at Memorial Park was funded through the McHale Fund. A note of thanks will be sent to the McHale Family letting them know that this piece of equipment has been installed through the generosity of their funding.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Summer Recreation Camp signups are Mondays May 6th, 13th and 20th from 6-8 pm and Thursdays May 9th and May 30th from 5-7pm. May 30th is the last day to sign up before the \$50 late fee is applied. There are NO signups after Friday, June 14th.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

K. COLLINS:

Basketball Cheerleading: no report

Competition Cheerleading: no report

Football Cheerleading: no report

D. KOSTANTAKIS:

Adult Softball: Ladies Softball has been contacted but has not responded. Looked into the cost of sheds for Twin Boro Field softball field area. There are various models offered through Amish website where we will need to supply the base pad. The shed will be 10x10 so base pad will need to be 12x12. Base pad at Memorial Park was done through the DPW. There was discussion of a ramp for the shed as the program is looking into having a tractor to be able to do the field.

Foul pole along first base line needs to have padding at Twin Boro Field. There needs to also be padding for the scoreboard poles at Twin Boro Field.

Girls Basketball: Winter basketball is finished. Program had their pizza parties and trophies and medals were awarded. Now they are starting the Spring Travel season. For the Summer League they need approval to use the outdoor basketball courts at Selzer. If possible they would prefer the use of a gym (Lincoln). They would like mid-June until start of August.

Wrestling: Season ended with two wrestlers advancing to the state qualifier. They have not yet had their pizza party. The trophies are being ordered now.

Men's Softball: Have estimates for a shed for the softball field at Twin Boro. The 1st base foul pole needs padding.

D. MORRELL:

Girls Softball: no report

Flag Football: no report

Commission/Council Liaison: no report

P. MUSSE:

Boys Basketball: Season is officially over and it went very well. The championship games being held at the high school was great.

Sr. Baseball: Season is just starting and the games start on April 15th. Pitching machine has been delivered and waiting to be assembled.

Certification: Another course has been added for Tuesday, July 30th at 7pm in the courtroom. There is still no courses set yet for the minor certification. Dr. Healy doesn't do the courses for the minors that was previously done by John Rafti.

Garden at Grant: All the perennials were cut back. Tulips are starting to bloom. Started to place mulch in the garden.

J. SANSONE:

Roller Hockey: no report

Little League: Opening Day was Saturday, 3/30/13 and it was a great turnout and went great.

Soccer: Spring travel season is under way.

G. TONNER:

Girls Volleyball Clinic: Spoke with Mary Ellen Heaney and invited to attend the opening of clinic on 4/18/13.

Parks & Playgrounds: no report

Summer Recreation: no report

R. WILLIAMS:

Board of Education: no report

Jr. Football: A review of the wish list presented for equipment for the upcoming season is needed. Additional signups for program to take place Monday, 4/8 and Monday 4/15 from 6-8 pm.

New Programs: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

D. Morrell discussed per the Commission By-Laws, election for Chairman and Vice Chairman is to take place in March every 2 years. After reviewing the minutes he noted there has been no election recently done. He would like to address this issue and put his name in as being interested in running for this position.

Vice Chairman Musse brought up that it is stated in the by-laws the importance of attending the meetings of the commission. If a commissioner misses 4 out of the 10 scheduled monthly meetings they can be asked to resign from the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

G. Tonner has been in contact with Sean Lissemore who is very much interested in holding another camp for the football program. Dates will be set up through the high school in working with the high school football program and Jr. football regarding this camp.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm J. Sansone, 2nd seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes Musse/NV, Sansone/yes, G. Tonner/yes, R Williams/yes Alt #2-Collins/NV Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Respectfully submitted
Dawn Totten, 4/4/14